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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. TIFFANY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Hardwood Products
5 Access and Development Program Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. HARDWOOD PRODUCTS ACCESS AND DEVELOP-**
2 **MENT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture (in
4 this section referred to as the “Secretary”) may award
5 grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible entities to pro-
6 mote the domestic hardwood industry through the fol-
7 lowing activities:

8 (1) Research related to the low carbon foot-
9 print, carbon storage capacity, and resource sustain-
10 ability of domestically produced hardwood products.

11 (2) Promotion of research and education related
12 to domestically produced hardwood products.

13 (3) Promotion of the low carbon footprint, car-
14 bon storage capacity, and resource sustainability of
15 the domestic hardwood industry.

16 (4) Market promotion of domestically produced
17 hardwood products.

18 (5) Consumer market research related to do-
19 mestically produced hardwood products.

20 (6) Demonstration projects demonstrating the
21 natural qualities, low carbon footprint, carbon stor-
22 age capacity, and resource sustainability of domesti-
23 cally harvested hardwood and domestically produced
24 hardwood products.

1 (b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An entity is eligible to re-
2 ceive a grant under subsection (a) if such entity is 1 of
3 the following:

4 (1) A State.

5 (2) A nonprofit organization representing the
6 domestic hardwood products industry.

7 (3) An institution of higher education (as de-
8 fined in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of
9 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)).

10 (4) A nonprofit research institution.

11 (c) APPLICATIONS.—To receive a grant under sub-
12 section (a), an eligible entity shall submit to the Secretary
13 an application at such time, in such manner, and con-
14 taining such information as the Secretary may require, in-
15 cluding—

16 (1) a description of the activities to be sup-
17 ported using the grant funds;

18 (2) a description of the goals that the eligible
19 entity intends to achieve as a result of supporting
20 such activities; and

21 (3) an estimate of the increase in hardwood
22 production or consumer awareness that the eligible
23 entity anticipates will occur as a result of supporting
24 such activities.

1 (d) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall promulgate
2 such regulations as are necessary to carry out this section.

3 (e) NO PREEMPTION OF STATE OR TRIBAL LAWS.—
4 Nothing in this section shall be construed to preempt any
5 law (including a law regarding liability) of a State or In-
6 dian Tribe (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-De-
7 termination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.
8 5304)).

9 (f) DOMESTICALLY PRODUCED HARDWOOD PROD-
10 UCT DEFINED.—The term “domestically produced hard-
11 wood product” means a domestically produced product
12 that is 90 percent by volume domestically sourced hard-
13 wood material.

14 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
15 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
16 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2029.